

MINUTES

OF THE

TWENTY-NINTH AND THIRTIETH SESSIONS

OF THE

**Harmony Baptist Association,**

HELD WITH

*Jerusalem and Mars Hill Churches,*

*October, 1878 and 1879.*

OFFICERS, 1879.

T. E. MORRIS.....	MODERATOR.
T. J. DENSON.....	CLERK.
W. R. GRAVES.....	TREASURER.

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OF THE

## Harmony Baptist Association.

### FIRST DAY.

JERUSALEM BAPTIST CHURCH, }  
LUDLOW, }  
SCOTT COUNTY, MISS., October 26, 1878. }

THE HARMONY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION met this day in her twenty-ninth annual session, pursuant to adjournment. Bros. T. A. Moore and J. N. Denson were appointed to read correspondence. Letters were read from fourteen churches, and delegate's names enrolled. Bro. J. C. McBeth was received as delegate from Pleasant Hill Church.

On motion the rules were suspended, and the election of officers postponed to hear the Introductory Sermon. The Introductory was now preached by Bro. A. J. Cockroft from 6th chapter, 11th verse of Ephesians.

The body proceeded to the election of officers. Bro. F. C. Davis and T. A. Moore were appointed tellers, who, after receiving the vote, announced the following elected:

T. E. MORRIS..... Moderator.

T. J. DENSON..... Clerk.

W. R. GRAVES..... Treasurer.

Eld. Morris, after appropriate remarks, assumed the duties of the chair.

Bro. T. A. Moore was received as correspondent from Kosciusko Association. Eld. W. R. Butler, and Bro. S. H. Kirkland, were received from Springfield.

The chair announced as the committee on preaching W. R. Graves, W. R. Lacey, S. J. Denson, and the deacons of this church, who after a short absence reported: Eld. W. R. Butler to preach at 11 o'clock, to-morrow, and Eld. McMurtry at 2 P. M.

A recess was taken for thirty minutes, after which, the Moderator announced the following committees:

*Finance*—W. S. Cockroft, Wiggins and Tullis.

*Order of Business*—McMurtry, Rushing and Vinson.

*Correspondence*—Barrett, A. J. Cockroft and Collier.

*Ministerial Education and Mississippi College*—Melvin and McDaniel.

*Missions*—Doughty, McCall and Atkins.

*Publications*—McMurtry, Stewart and Gresham.

*Nominations*—W. S. Cockroft, Lacey and McKay.

*State of Religion*—J. N. Denson, T. J. Denson and Collier.

*Sabbath-schools*—Doughty, Stewart and Gresham.

*Queries and Requests*—Lacey, Melvin and Wiggins.

*Obituaries*—A. J. Cockroft, McDaniel and Collier.

The body now adjourned to 8-30 o'clock, Monday morning.

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### SABBATH EXERCISES.

Eld. Butler, at 11 o'clock, A. M., preached to a large and attentive audience from 1st Corinthians, 3rd chapter, 11th verse: "Other foundation hath no man laid." Owing to the inclemency Eld. McMurtry omitted the 2 o'clock service.

## SECOND DAY.

MONDAY MORNING, October 28th, 1878.

The Association met at half past 8 o'clock, pursuant to adjournment, and was opened by praise; prayer by Bro. McMurtry.

Bro. Julius Vinson was excused from further attendance.

The Committee on Order of Business, through the chairman, Eld. McMurtry reported, and report adopted.

A committee on the Spiritual Condition of the Blacks was appointed, consisting of Rushing, Yarbrough, and Gross.

The Committee on correspondence, through its chairman, reported, recommending a continuation of correspondence as heretofore; which was adopted.

The committee on Ministerial Education and Mississippi College through the chairman, Eld. R. E. Melvin, made an able and lengthy report; both as to necessity of an educated ministry and the superiorities of this College, which was adopted.

The Committee on Publication, through its chairman, Eld. McMurtry, reported, recommending THE BAPTIST RECORD, The Baptist, the Southern Baptist, also Battle Flag, and Kind Words. Adopted.

The Committee on State of Religion, made its report showing a few of the churches refreshed and prospering, while others were cold and unfruitful. Pending its adoption, on motion of Bro. McMurtry, it was amended by suggesting a correspondence between the churches, and exchange of pulpits, as far as convenient, between the ministers. On the adoption of this report, business was suspended and the body engaged in prayer, led by Eld. W. R. Butler.

The Committee on Nominations, through its chairman, W. S. Cockroft reported the following brethren as an Executive Board: T. E. Morris, T. J. Denson, W. R. Graves, W. McMurtry, R. G. Barrett, A. J. Cockroft, R. E. Melvin, F. M. Dougherty, W. S. Rushing, W. S. Cockroft, H. Colier, J. N. Denson,



W. D. Gross, W. R. Lacey. This committee also recommended the following:

*Resolved*, That union meetings be appointed to meet in connection with the Executive Board.

*Resolved*, The object of such meeting shall be to aid the Board in any business before it and especially to take part in the discussions of all essays or questions sent up by the churches for this purpose, and that the churches are hereby requested to send up for this purpose any question upon which they may seek light.

On the adoption of this, the body appointed brethren from the respective churches in furtherance of this object. Also, said committee nominated to preach the next Introductory, F. M. Doughty, and R. E. Melvin alternate. Adopted.

The body now took a recess for one hour.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Committee on Missions, through the chairman, F. M. Doughty, reported, recommending warmly this subject to the consideration of the body, and as one worthy of our noblest efforts. Adopted.

The Committee on Sabbath-schools, through the chairman F. M. Doughty, reported, urging its importance to the churches and as one worthy of greater efforts on our part for the future.

The committee on Queries and Requests, through the chairman, W. R. Lacey, reported no Queries, but three petitions from the churches requesting the next meeting of this body with them. The committee recommended Mars Hill Church. Adopted.

The committee on Finance, through the chairman, W. S. Cockroft, reported amount sent up by the churches for associational purposes \$33 10; and that they had examined the Treasurer's report, and that the same is correct. Adopted.

The committee on Obituaries, through the chairman, A. J. Cockroft, reported as follows:

Your committee respectfully report that but few deaths have

been reported; among them, however, is our much esteemed brother, Elder Thos. Tucker. He was born in South Carolina in the year 1803, but had been a member of this Association about twenty-six years, during which time he had been an exemplary and useful minister. He died on the 9th day of June, 1878. We rejoice that our loss is his gain. Peace be unto him.

A. J. COCKROFT, Chairman.

The committee on Condition of the Blacks, through the chairman, W. S. Rushing, reported, urging all ministers and brethren to aid them to preserve a healthy faith and discipline.

Your Executive Board respectfully submit the following:

At each meeting of the Board, in connection with the other business, essays have been read and discussed, we hope with profit to all.

Bro. W. S. Rushing reports eight days spent in missionary labor, and in liquidation of his past subscription.

Bro. R. E. Melvin reports as follows:

He received his appointment at the meeting of the Executive Board on the fifth Sabbath in March and entered immediately on the work as evangelist. He had traveled, within associational bounds, five hundred and ninety-eight miles: out of same, one hundred and thirteen miles, making a total of seven hundred and eleven miles. That he had preached in bounds, seventy-seven times; out of bounds, twenty-four times; total one hundred and one. That he had attended protracted meetings in bounds, three, and out of bounds three, and had witnessed twenty-three baptisms. That he had received in cash in bounds, about \$47 75; out of bounds, \$14 00; total \$61 75. That he had also contributed about \$7 35. Of the nineteen churches of this Association he had visited fifteen, but failed to reach four, Pleasant Hill, Mars Hill, Pensacola and New Prospect.

Respectfully,

R. G. BARRETT, PRESIDENT,

T. J. DENSON, Clerk.

The Treasurer made the following report:

W. R. GRAVES, Treasurer,

*In Account with Harmony Association,*

1877.

Dr.

To balance on hand for Ministerial Education.....	\$ 47 50
“ Home Missions.....	7 20

To Am't from Finance Committee.....	69 00
“ “ collected on Sabbath for Missions.....	11 85
“ “ from Miss E. Roberts on sub. to For. Miss...	2 00
Total.....	\$137 55

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By Am't paid Clerk for printing Minutes...\$	40 00
“ “ “ for Clerk fee.....	15 00
“ “ “ for Treasurer fee.....	5 00
“ “ “ Eld. W. S. Webb for Min. Ed.	47 50
“ “ “ on money order.....	25
“ “ “ for missionary labor.....	17 15
“ Balance on hand for For. Miss.....	12 65 \$137 55

*Resolved*, That the Executive Board meet at Thomastown Church, on Friday before the fifth Sabbath in December next.

Bro. Melvin offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

*Resolved*, That the thanks of the Association be, and they are hereby tendered to the members of this church and country in general, and to the sisters in particular, for their hospitable entertainment of the members and visitors of this Association.

Bro. J. N. Denson offered the following:

WHEREAS, The finances of the country are in a very depressed condition, owing to the quarantine of all the markets, and

WHEREAS, The churches, from this cause, have been prevented from sending up their usual contributions; therefore; be it

*Resolved*, That the churches are hereby requested to forward to the Clerk or Treasurer of this Association, at their very earliest convenience, any additional sums they may determine, to meet the necessary expenses of the body in publishing minutes, etc.

Adopted.

Bro. McMurtry offered the following:

*Resolved*, That this Association turn over to Elder R. E. Melvin, our evangelist, all monies of the Home Mission fund in the hands of the Treasurer, and also the subscription of said Home Mission of last year.

Adopted.



Bro. Lacey offered the following:

*Resolved*, That the Clerk of this Association be allowed for his services \$15 00, and the Treasurer be allowed \$5 00.

Adopted.

Bro. J. N. Denson offered the following:

*Resolved*, That a committee of five be appointed to revise the Constitution and Rules of this Association, and report to the next meeting of this body; consisting of J. N. Denson, Wm. McMurtry, R. E. Melvin, W. S. Rushing, W. R. Lacey, to which, by motion, the Moderator was added.

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## PROCEEDINGS OF 1879.

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### FIRST DAY.

MARS HILL BAPTIST CHURCH,  
EDINBURGH,  
Saturday, Oct. 25, 1879.)

The HARMONY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION met this day in her thirtieth annual session, pursuant to adjournment.

At 11 o'clock the Moderator, Eld. T. E. Morris, called the body to order; prayer by Eld. R. G. Barrett.

Bro. J. C. Neill and J. N. Denson were appointed to read the correspondence.

Letters were read from seventeen churches and delegates' names enrolled.

The body now proceeded to the election of officers. Elder B. A. Ellington and brother J. Scott Ray were appointed tellers, who, after receiving the vote, announced T. J. Denson elected Clerk, and W. R. Graves Treasurer, but no election for Moderator. The vote being again taken, resulted in the election of T. E. Morris, Moderator.

The Association now took a recess.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

At 2 o'clock, p. m., the delegates assembled in the house and listened to an able and interesting Introductory by Elder R. E. Melvin, from Judges 5:23.

The body was called to order by the Moderator.

Bro. W. R. Lacey was received as delegate from Pensacola Church.

Correspondence from other bodies was received as follows:

*From Kosciusko Association*—Elders B. A. Ellington, E. T. Dendy, W. B. Hollis, and brethren G. W. Doss, D. Burney, J. Scott Ray and T. J. Lansdale.

*Central*—Elder T. J. Walae.

*Louisville*—A. Marshall, S. Baggett.

The report of the committee appointed at the last Association to revise the Rules and Constitution, was called up, and made the special order for half-past 9 o'clock, Monday morning.

On motion of brother Melvin, a Committee on Systematic Benevolence was appointed, to-wit: R. E. Melvin, W. McMurtry, W. R. Graves.

The Moderator announced the following standing committees:

*Order of Business*—W. R. Graves, H. Collier, J. P. Hickman.

*Finance*—W. S. Cockroft, Julius Vinson, J. Kernop.

*Correspondence*—W. S. Rushing, S. Ashcraft, W. R. Jordan.

*Ministerial Education and Mississippi College*—McMurtry, A. J. Cockroft, W. Tullis.

*Missions*—W. R. Lacey, E. T. Barrett, M. Partridge.

*Publications*—R. E. Melvin, T. J. Deason, W. R. Graves.

*Nominations*—R. G. Burrett, E. J. McKay, W. W. Thomas.

*State of Religion*—A. J. Cockroft, A. B. Ellington, W. Lawrence.

*Sabbath-schools*—J. N. Denson, David Casper, J. C. Poole.

*Queries and Requests*—Thos. Gober, J. L. Grimes, A. Walton.

*Obituaries*—W. S. Rushing, J. C. McBeth, W. D. Gross.

*Spiritual Condition of Blacks*—J. N. Denson, J. H. Dickens, J. P. Spinks.

The Committee on Preaching reported preaching on Sunday, as follows:

Elder D. A. Ellington at half-past 9 o'clock, A. M.; Elder T. J. Walne, at 11 o'clock, A. M.; Elder T. E. Morris at 2 o'clock, P. M.

Adjourned to Monday morning, 9 o'clock.

### SABBATH EXERCISES.

Elder B. A. Ellington at 9 o'clock, A. M., preached from Romans, 10th chapter, 17th verse.

Elder T. J. Walne, at 11 o'clock, preached at the stand, from Mark, 6th chapter, 37th verse.

Elder T. E. Morris, at 1 o'clock, P. M., preached in the house, from John, 12th chapter, 36th verse.

These brethren, as above, preached to large and attentive audiences, and we trust much good was effected. So mote it be.

### SECOND DAY.

MONDAY MORNING, October 27, 1879.

The body met pursuant to adjournment, at 9 o'clock, and was called to order by the Moderator. Prayer by Elder T. J. Walne.

The roll was called, and Saturday's minute read and approved.

The special order being the report of the Committee on Rules was called up, read and adopted. (See Rules.)



On motion, a second committee was appointed, to revise the Constitution, consisting of W. McMurtry, J. N. Denson, and W. S. Rushing.

The Committee on Order of Business reported that the Association proceed with her business as heretofore.

The Committee on Correspondence, through the chairman, W. S. Rushing, reported, recommending the continuation of correspondence, as heretofore, with Kosciusko, Central, Louisville and Springfield Associations, each of which had been represented in our body by messengers, except the latter.

The Committee on Nominations submitted the following:

*Executive Board*—T. E. Morris, T. J. Denson, W. R. Graves, W. McMurtry, R. G. Barrett, A. J. Cockroft, Thos. Lochala, W. S. Rushing, S. Green, R. E. Melvin, W. S. Cockroft, J. A. Henry, W. W. Thomas, J. F. Kernop, Henry Colier, W. D. Gross, E. J. McKay,

*To preach the next Introductory Sermon*—Elder T. E. Morris, and Elder Wm. McMurtry; Alternate.

Respectfully,

R. G. BARRETT, Chairman.

The Committee on State of Religion, through the chairman, A. J. Cockroft, reported the churches mostly revived, with more or less additions. But Salem, Pensacola, and Stump Bridge were reported in a cold and lifeless condition.

Let us thank God and take courage, that so many churches of our body have been visited with refreshings from the Lord. To the latter, be watchful unto prayer, that a worse thing be not come upon thee.

The Committee on Queries and Requests, through the chairman, J. F. Kernop, reported petitions from four churches, viz: Canaan, Mt. Zion, New Providence and New Hope, asking the next meeting of the Association to convene with them. The committee recommended the meeting to be held with Canaan. The vote occurring on the motion to meet with this church, it was lost. New Providence, was now put in nomination and it was agreed to.

The Committee on Systematic Benevolence, through the

chairman, R. E. Melvin, reported, that system was the felt want of the denomination; That we should learn to utilize little things, and to habituate ourselves to giving unto the Lord, by giving unto Him an interest in all our secular pursuits; That we should at least yearly ask ourselves the question, "How much owest thou my Lord?"

Pending its adoption, it was

*Resolved*, That it is the sense of this body, it is the duty of each church and all members thereof, to conform to the *spirit* of the law as given by Paul, in 1. Cor. 16th chapter and 1st and 2nd verses.

#### REPORT ON DOCUMENTS.

Your Committee on Documents submit the following:

To such as feel able to take more than one periodical, we feel authorized to speak *approvingly* of many excellent journals. In the front rank of these we place The Baptist, by the veteran editor, Dr. J. R. Graves, of Memphis, Tenn. Of this, it would be a work of supererogation to say one word; it pleads its own cause.

The Examiner and Chronicle, by another veteran, Dr. Edward Bright, of the city of New York. This paper, being less known than the former, we will say of it that it takes in a wider range of literature, and utilizes a larger amount of first-class talent, than any other denominational journal on the continent, of which we have any knowledge.

The American Baptist Flag—Dr. Ray, of St. Louis, sounds a trumpet that gives no "uncertain sound." To such of our members as may sometimes be in a *fighting* mood, this may prove a valuable auxiliary.

The Southern Baptist, a weekly, published in Meridian, Miss., conducted by Elders A. Gressett and N. L. Clarke. This paper is well known to us all, and also speaks for itself.

Of all these, and many others we can speak *approvingly*, but to the members of Harmony Association, we *recommend*, in unqualified terms, THE BAPTIST RECORD, published in Jackson, Miss., edited by Elder J. B. Gambrell, and for the following reasons: 1. The Harmony Association is an acknowledged component part of the Baptist State Convention, and in her State Missionary work, acts directly through that body. 2. The Record is the adopted organ of the State Con-

vention, and the avowed advocate of its principles and policy, so far as those principles and that policy, in the judgment of those who conduct the Record, are in conformity with the letter and spirit of the Word of God. / This can now be said of no other paper, in the State or out of it. 3. The Record, being the adopted exponent of the Convention, is therefore our exponent, we being a part of that body.

Besides the Record, we recommend the Christian Repository, a most excellent monthly religious literary magazine, by Dr. S. H. Ford, St. Louis, Mo.

The Foreign Mission Journal, by Dr. H. A. Tupper, Corresponding Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va., price 50 cents a year.

To our Sunday-schools, we recommend International lessons, as published in Kind Words.

Still further, we recommend Doctrinal Tracts, published by the American Baptist Publication Society, Philadelphia. Cost, \$1 per package of one hundred pages. We advise each church in the Association to supply herself with one package each month for gratuitous circulation.

Finally, we recommend that the Association inaugurate an efficient system of colportage.

Respectfully submitted,

R. E. MELVIN,

W. R. GRAVES,

T. J. DENSON,

Committee.

On the adoption of the foregoing, brother Walne took a number of subscriptions for the BAPTIST RECORD.

The Committee on Ministerial Education and Mississippi College, made the following report:

Your committee think it is not enough to say that Ministerial Education is *important*, but is a *necessity*, and therefore should receive the co-operation of all Christians, especially of the Baptists, as they claim to have alone preserved the doctrines and ordinances of God's house in their purity, since the Apostles. By this we would not be understood as casting reflections on any of our beloved ministers, for many of them, though without these advantages, are numbered among our educated in the Scriptures. We think while all should be thus far educated, yet there is a necessity that some, at least, of our denomination should be educated in the languages in



which the Scriptures were originally written, in order to the successful refutation of many of the popular errors of our opponents.

It is a sad mistake that God's ancient ministers were uneducated. They were for about three years, under the theological training of the great Author of our salvation, who besides, in order to a more general dissemination of the gospel, imbued them with other tongues.

For the education of our sons, and especially our young ministers, Mississippi College is *the Institution*.—

1. Because it proposes to help brethren who feel called to preach, and who are properly endorsed by their churches, and not as some say, an institution to manufacture preachers.

2. Because it affords as good advantages for mental training as any College in the South; and besides, for moral influence, stands without a rival.

3. Because Mississippi College is our denominational institution, under the supervision of our State Convention, where alone free education can be obtained by our indigent young ministers.

Respectfully,

W. McMURTRY, Chairman.

The body took a recess for one hour.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION.

The body met and was called to order by the Moderator.

Brother Lacey was excused from farther attendance.

The Committee on Finance reported through their chairman, W. S. Cockroft:

Total am't sent up by the churches for Asso'n'l fund...	\$54 35
By Mt. Carmel, for Home Missions.....	1 80
Total.....	\$56 15

Also, that they had examined the Treasurer's report and that the same was found correct.

The Committee on Sunday-schools reported as follow.:

Your committee would define the Sunday-school to be the church at work, studying and teaching the word of God. If it is unadvisable to have a Sunday-school, or impracticable to organize one, then it is impracticable to organize a church in that locality.

Not only should every church have a Sunday-school, but the whole church should be connected with the school. There is a place either as officer, teacher or scholar for every member.

If this were carried out by all our churches, the following would be the result, viz:

1. The church would meet regularly for worship, and the study of the word of God every Sabbath.
2. This would promote the intelligence, spirituality, activity and liberality of our people.
3. The children would be gathered together on the Sabbath and taught God's word.
4. There would be a Sunday-school in every Baptist Church in Harmony Association. Your committee warmly recommend the "International Lessons," for all our Sunday-schools.

Respectfully,

J. N. DENSON Chairman.

The Committee on Missions, through their chairman, W. R. Laeey, made an able and lengthy report on this subject, detailing much of the destitute section of our State and also some figures relating to the amount raised by the Convention for the past Conventional year, ending July 1st. The region between Yazoo and Mississippi river, embracing seven large counties is a destitution. From Vicksburg to New Orleans and thence around the Coast to Mobile is also destitute. Of the \$15,190.53 raised by our Convention to supply this destitution, not a dollar of it was raised by our Association. The State Convention is keeping Eld. J. B. Hamberlin and other missionaries constantly in the field, through whose labors great good is being accomplished, and hence the Committee exhorts this Association to come up to their help.

The Committee on Obituaries reported as follows.

Your Committee finds but few deaths reported within our bounds, during the past year. In this connection we are pained to announce the death of Eld. J. T. Bowman. Bro. Bowman was a member of Mars Hill church and was principally raised within our bounds. He was baptized into the fellowship of Mt. Carmel in 1868, and was ordained to the ministry in 1877. He departed this life January, 1st 1879.

Brother Bowman promised much usefulness but was suddenly called away from labor to enjoy his eternal rest. Believing that he doeth all things well, let us meekly bow and say, "Thy will be done."

Respectfully,  
W. S. RUSHING, Chairman.

The Committee on the Spiritual condition of the Blacks, submitted the following:

The uneducated condition of the colored population of our land demands our special regard. The providence of God has placed them in our midst, and the previous relation they bore to the white population is an additional reason for our sympathy. No christian heart can feel unconcerned, when it considers their tendency to superstition, and inclination to innovation of Baptist practices not only, but also a tendency to a subversion of the plainest teachings of Christ and his apostles.

Your Committee know of no means, that we can organize to correct these abuses, but think much can be effected by individual effort in this direction. We therefore suggest, that our members take pains to indoctrinate that people and to correct the unbaptistic usages into which they are falling. Your committee recommend especially, that our ministers whenever convenient preach sermons to their congregations devoted to doctrine and discipline.

Respectfully,  
J. N. DENSON,  
J. P. SPINKS,  
J. H. DICKENS.  
Committee.

The body now proceeded to appointment of correspondents as follows, to-wit:

*Kosiusko*.—W. McMurtry, R. G. Barrett, R. E. Melvin.

*Louisville*.—W. S. Rushing, A. J. Cockroft.

*Central*.—R. E. Melvin, Wm McMurtry, T. E. Morris.

*Springfield*.—J. N. Denson, T. J. Denson, R. G. Barrett. T. E. Morris, W. McMurtry.

On motion, correspondence was offered the Chocktaw Association, and the following appointment made, R. G. Barrett, J. Kernop, W. S. Rushing, J. P. Spinks.

On motion, any members of our body present at the meeting



of any of the bodies with which we correspond, may be received and recognized as messengers.

The body now appointed the following delegates to represent us in the State Convention, to-wit: W. McMurtry, R. G. Barrett, R. E. Melvin.

The report of the Committee appointed to revise the Constitution was called up, read and adopted. See the Constitution.

Bro. Melvin offered the following, which was adopted:

*Resolved*, The Executive Board be authorized to organize a system of Colportage and tract distribution.

Bro. Melvin offered the following:

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this body be and they are hereby tendered this church and community for the hospitable manner that the Association, messengers and visitors have been entertained during this session. Unanimously adopted by a rising vote.

By Bro. McMurtry:

*Resolved*, That the clerk be allowed \$10 and the Treasurer \$5 for their services and that they draw on the Treasury for the same.

The Executive Board reported and was adopted as follows:

Your Executive Board report its meetings have been enlivened by the continued discussion of essays upon doctrine and discipline, which feature of our meetings has brought good audiences at each meeting. We confidently believe this alone, has and will result in much good to our people, by encouraging a spirit of investigation of the truths of the Scripture.

We have, for the want of funds in the Treasury, done very little in the mission field.

Eld. McMurtry reports, 3 days labor, preached 3 sermons traveled 76 miles.

Eld. Lochala reports: 1 days labor at Ethridge school house, traveled 32 miles.

Your Board has ordered payment for this labor out of any monies in the Treasury.

Respectfully,  
T. E. MORRIS, PRESIDENT,

T. J. DENSON, Secretary.

On motion, the Clerk was directed to have the minutes of the last and present sessions printed and bound together.

By brother Barrett,

WHEREAS, The change adopted in our Constitution at the present session confers the dual duties of Clerk and Treasurer upon the Clerk; therefore,

*Resolved*, That the Treasurer be, and is, hereby instructed to turn over all monies in his hands to said officer.

*Resolved*; That the thanks of this body are due, and are hereby tendered brother W. R. Graves for the faithful and efficient manner he has discharged the duties of Treasurer, during his long tenure of office.

The Association now adjourned to meet with the New Providence Baptist Church (near Conway) on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in October, 1880.

T. E. MORRIS, MODERATOR,

T. J. DENSON, Clerk.



## TREASURER'S REPORT

W. R. Graves, Treasurer,

*In Account with Harmony Association.*

1878.

Dr.

Oct.	To Am't	from Finance Committee.....	\$ 33 10
"	"	from Wm. McMurtry, Home Miss....	2 50
"	"	from F. M. Daughy, Home Miss....	2 00
1879.			
Feb. 8.	"	from Mt. Carmel Ch., Ass. purposes...	2 00
Mar. 29.	"	from New Providence Ch., Ass. pur- poses.....	75
July.	"	from New Hope Ch., Ass. purposes...	1 15
Oct.	"	from W. Jordan, Home Miss.....	2 00
"	"	from A. J. Cockroft, Home Miss.....	1 00
"	"	from A. J. Cockroft, For. Miss.....	1 00
"	"	for Foreign Missions on hand.....	12 65
"	"	collected on Sabbath, State Missions...	57 05
"	"	sent up by churches.....	56 15

Total .....\$ 171 35

1878

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Oct.	By Am't	paid for Clerk's fee .....	\$ 15 00
"	"	for Treasurer's fee.....	5 00
1879.			
Feb. 5.	"	H. A. Tupper, Foreign Missions.....	12 65
Feb. 5.	"	R. E. Melvin on pledges.	7 50
"	"	Eld. Walne, collection..	57 05
"	"	T. J. Denson, Treasurer elect.....	74 15-\$171 35

Respectfully,

W. R. GRAVES, Treasurer.



## RULES OF ORDER.

RULE 1. Every sitting shall be opened and closed with prayer or praise.

RULE 2. Visiting brethren may be invited to seats and debate on any question before the body.

RULE 3. A member desiring to speak or present any matter to the body, shall rise and address "Brother Moderator." He shall confine himself to the matter before the body, cast no reflections on the Association nor any member thereof, nor shall he be interrupted while speaking.

RULE 4. When two or more members rise at the same instant, the Moderator shall recognize the one to proceed.

RULE 5. No person shall speak more than once to the same motion without leave of the body, except the mover of the same who shall be allowed five minutes to close the debate. Also, pending a motion to table, or when the Association shall have ordered the previous question, the right to the five minute rule shall be observed.

RULE 6. The Moderator may speak to any question under debate. He shall rise from his seat to put questions, but may state them while sitting. He shall decide all points of order, but an appeal may be taken to the whole body.

RULE 7. The Moderator shall vote in all cases as any other member, and in case of a tie the motion shall be considered lost.

RULE 8. The Moderator shall appoint all committees except when otherwise ordered.

RULE 9. Motions, containing two or more propositions shall be divided on the demand of any member, and the vote taken on each separately. Every measure shall be brought before the body by motion and second and shall be reduced to writing on the demand of any member.

RULE 10. While a motion is under debate, no motion shall be received, but to adjourn, to lay on the table, for the previous question, to commit or amend, to postpone to a time certain, to postpone indefinitely, which several motions shall have precedence in their order.

RULE 11. A motion to adjourn, to lay on the table for the previous question, or to reconsider a non-debatable motion,

shall be deemed non-debatable questions. A point of order shall be held non-debatable except on an appeal.

RULE 12. On demand for the previous question, the chair shall immediately submit. Shall the main question be now put? which, if decided affirmatively, he shall proceed to take the vote, first on any pending amendments thereto, in their order and then upon the main question.

RULE 13. A motion to reconsider shall take precedence of all motions except to adjourn, but cannot be considered while the Association is engaged in other business. A motion to reconsider having failed, it shall prevent that measure being again considered during that session.

RULE 14. A motion to strike out and insert shall be deemed indivisible.

RULE 15. An amendment to an amendment may be received, but shall proceed no further.

RULE 16. Any resolution, motion or proposition may be withdrawn at any time by the mover, before decision or amendment.

RULE 17. Any two members shall have the right to demand the ayes and nays on any question before the body.

RULE 18. When the body is proceeding under its regular order, all motions, reports or resolutions, when read, shall be considered before the body.

RULE 19. A motion to suspend the Rules, shall be deemed a privileged motion, but no debate will be allowed thereon. A motion to suspend shall state definitely, the object for which they are to be suspended, and a "two-thirds vote" must prevail in order to suspension.

RULE 20. *Special Order.*—The Association may, by a "two-thirds vote, fix any measure before it, for a special hour. When the hour for the special order shall have arrived, it shall be the duty of the Moderator to immediately suspend any business before the body and take up such special order.

RULE 21. No member shall take a final departure without leave of the body.

RULE 22. The officers of the previous Association shall be *ex officio* officers of the body, for the purpose of an organization.

RULE 23. *Order of Business.*—The Order of Business, the first day of the session, shall be as follows:

1. Reading the correspondence from the churches and enrollment of the delegates' names.
2. Election of officers.
3. Reception of letters petitioning admittance into the body.
4. Reception of fraternal correspondence.
5. Recess to hear Introductory Sermon.
6. Unfinished business of previous Association.
7. New and miscellaneous business.
8. To appoint the following standing committees, to consist of not less than three members, to-wit: On Order of Business, on Ministerial Education and Mississippi College, on Missions, on Publications, on Sunday-schools, on State of Religion, on Queries and Requests, on Nominations, on Finance. *Provided*, that as soon as an organization is effected, the Moderator shall appoint a committee to arrange preaching during the session.

**RULE 24.** Parliamentary law shall in all cases govern where these Rules are silent.

**RULE 25.** These Rules may be suspended, altered or amended at any time by a "two-thirds vote" of the members present.

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### CONSTITUTION.

We, the undersigned, having been duly appointed delegates by our respective churches, and being now assembled in convention, do solemnly unite in the capacity of an Association and for our direction adopt the following Constitution:

**ART. 1. *Name and of whom Composed***—This body shall be known by the name of **HARMONY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION**, and shall be composed of delegates only, who are members of the churches they represent.

**ART. 2. *Terms of Representation***—Churches represented in this body shall be entitled to two delegates and an additional one for every twenty-five over fifty members.

**ART. 3. *Time and Place of Meeting***—This Association shall meet annually at such time and place as shall be previously appointed.

**ART. 4. *Officers and their Duties***—After reading the letters from the churches and enrolling the names of the delegates, the



Association shall proceed to elect by ballot a Moderator, and a Clerk, who shall also be, *ex-officio* Treasurer. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside over the meetings and do, and discharge all duties imposed on him, as such by the rules of the body. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to keep a fair and impartial record of all the doings of the body, and keep a regular file of minutes, which he shall transmit to his successor in office. It shall be the duty of the *ex-officio* Treasurer, to receive all monies belonging to the Association or its Board and make a report of the state of the Treasury before the close of each session. There shall also be selected at each annual meeting of the body, one member from each church composing this Association, exclusive of the officers, who, with the officers of the body, who shall be *ex-officers* of the Board, shall constitute an Executive Board, five of whom shall form a quorum, to conduct the business of the Association during the *interim* of its meetings. These officers shall continue in office until succeeded by new appointments.

ART. 5. *Statistics*—It is expected that the churches will send messengers and letters to each annual meeting, giving an account of the state of their respective churches, particularly of the additions and diminutions in the past year, and of whatever relates to their peace and prosperity, together with whole number of members in communion; with these letters each church shall forward money for printing of the minutes.

ART. 6. *Reception of New Churches*—Churches wishing to be represented in this union may apply by letter and messengers, and giving satisfactory evidence of being sound in faith and practice, may be received and as token of the same, the Moderator, in behalf of the Association shall extend to their messengers the right hand of fellowship.

ART. 7. *Privileges of the Association*—Although an associate body, we disclaim any power over the churches, so far as respects an interference with their independence and discipline; yet we deem it our privilege to judge for ourselves the propriety of continuing any church in our connection, which is either heterodox in principle or disorderly in practice. In order, however, that we may not withdraw our fellowship from any church without sufficient cause, it is proposed that when complaint is made by any two churches of this body against a church belonging to this Association, if thought expedient, they may appoint a committee who shall request a con-

ference with said church, in order to obtain satisfaction on the points which form the subject of complaint, and shall report the result to the next meeting of the Association, in order that they may decide as duty shall require.

ART. 8. *Neglecting Representation*—When any church shall neglect making a communication to the Association for two consecutive years it shall be considered as having withdrawn from us and shall be dropped from the minutes unless two or more members shall request her continuance, and will also engage to inquire into her standing, and report at the next meeting of the Association.

ART. 9. *Of Correspondence*—This Association may hold correspondence with such Associations, societies or individuals as she shall think proper.

ART. 10. *Of the Spread of the Gospel*—It shall be the duty of the Association, from time to time, to suggest to the churches what she may think most expedient to be done to promote the spread of the gospel.

ART. 11. *General Provisions*—This Association when convened shall appoint the time and place of the next annual meeting, select a person or persons to preach on the occasion, make any other appointment or transact any other business they may judge expedient, and from time to time make such amendments and alterations to this Constitution as experience may dictate, *provided* such amendment or alteration shall be carried by a majority of two-thirds of the members present at any regular meeting, and *provided further* that notice of the desired change was duly entered on the minute of the previous session.

# Statistical Table for the Year 1879.

CHURCHES.	POST-OFFICE.	DELEGATES NAMES.	PASTORS.	Received by baptism.	Total in Fellowship.	No. of Minutes.
Bethesda.....	Camden.....	Not represented.....	.....	.....	.....	10
Beulah.....	Centre.....	J. H. Dicken, J. G. Poole.....	R. G. Barrett.....	5	59	20
Canaan.....	Kirkland.....	E. T. Gober, W. Tullis.....	D. A. Ellington.....	8	48	15
Center Hill.....	Conway.....	A. J. Cockroft, W. S. Cockroft, W. R. Jordan.....	A. J. Cockroft.....	4	78	25
Damasca.....	Millville.....	A. B. Ellington, W. Lawrence, David Casper.....	D. A. Ellington.....	7	32	20
Good Hope, Leake.....	Good Hope.....	T. E. Morris, H. Collier.....	T. E. Morris.....	3	73	25
Good Hope, Mad.....	Kirkwood.....	R. G. Barrett, Robert Pauley, J. Kernop, W. T. McDaniel.....	R. G. Barrett.....	11	110	35
Mars Hill.....	Edinburg.....	W. S. Rushing, T. G. Ward, J. T. Maxey.....	W. S. Rushing.....	3	85	30
Mt. Carmel.....	Edinburg.....	W. H. Russell, J. P. Spinks.....	W. McMurry.....	7	54	20
Mt. Zion.....	High Hill.....	J. N. Newburn, W. W. Thomas, J. H. Gomillion.....	O. F. Breeland.....	96	40	20
New Hope.....	Carthage.....	M. A. Partridge, E. T. Barnett.....	W. P. Dorrell.....	6	56	15
New Prospect.....	Carthage.....	S. Ashcraft, E. J. McKay.....	— Dendy.....	10	43	15
New Providence.....	Carthage.....	W. D. Gross, W. J. Miles.....	R. G. Barrett.....	2	69	20
Pensacola.....	Carthage.....	W. R. Lacey.....	.....	.....	.....	15
Plea sant Hill.....	Carthage.....	I. C. McBeth, J. L. Grimes.....	— Dendy.....	6	25	10
Salem.....	Coosa.....	W. R. Graves, Allen Walton.....	W. P. Dorrell.....	.....	51	20
Stump Bridge.....	Canton.....	J. P. Hickman, Julius Vinson.....	R. E. Melvin.....	.....	50	25
Thomastown.....	Thomastown.....	W. McMurry, R. E. Melvin.....	W. M. Farrar.....	3	56	15
Jerusalem.....	Ludlow.....	J. N. Denson, T. J. Denson.....	W. R. Butler.....	10	94	25
Total.....				85	1073	400



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